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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Wright & Young
ASSIGNEE: GENESense TECHNOLOGIES INC.
SERIAL NUMBER: 08/886,313
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FOR: OLIGONUCLEOTIDES FROM THE UNTRANSLATED REGIONS OF HOUSEKEEPING GENES AND METHODS OF USING SAME TO MODULATE CELL GROWTH

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

This is in response to the Official Action, mailed September 20, 2000, in the above-identified application. Applicants enclose herewith a Petition for a three (3)-month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and a \$435.00 check pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3). With this extension, the present Amendment and Response is due on or before March 20, 2001

Although the Applicants believe that no additional fees are due with the submission of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Ref. No. 21892-002).

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 2-5, 17 and 31 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend Claims 1, 6-16 and 30, as follows:

1. An [synthetic] oligonucleotide, or analogue thereof, which inhibits neoplastic cell growth, comprising at least seven nucleotides [or nucleotide analogues] having a